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## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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**From:** Bridget DiCosmo [<mailto:bdicosmo@iwpnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** RE: July 17 letter to DOGGR

Hi, Nahal,  
Quick question -- in 2011, I remember writing about EPA's concerns that California may be using a 3,000 mg/L of TDS definition as those above which are not considered USDWs for the purposes of underground injection. At the time, DOGGR said, if I recall, that no action plan was necessary but that they were aware of the disconnect between their definition and the USDW definition of 10,000 mg/L of TDS that is in SDWA and would be using EPA's definition from that point forward.

I'm having trouble understanding what happened between then and now that EPA is now asking for DOGGR to submit all of the aquifer exemption data. Any insight you might be able to provide, on background, would be hugely helpful in my understanding what's going on.

Many thanks,  
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**Sent:** Thu, 07 Aug 2014 12:42:00 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: July 17 letter to DOGGR

Hi Bridget,

Attached is a copy of our letter to the state as well as the attachments associated with it, including EPA's 2012 review.

Thanks,

Nahal

**From:** Bridget DiCosmo [mailto:[bdicosmo@iwpnews.com](mailto:bdicosmo@iwpnews.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill; Skadowski, Suzanne; Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** July 17 letter to DOGGR

Hi, all,  
I'm a reporter with Inside EPA. Not sure who is best to address this, but I was trying to get a copy of the July 17 letter from EPA to John Laird at DOGGR concerning its UIC Class II program. Please let me know.  
Thanks much,  
Bridget

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